

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1-8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A spring compressor comprising an actuator with a body (100) and a rod ~~(115)~~ (110) that are telescopically movable relative to each other, and two jaws (1, 1') each comprising an attachment portion (2) for attachment to the actuator and a working portion (3) for engaging a turn of a helical spring (8, 9), in which the working portion (3) of each jaw comprises a first part (4) and a second part (12) that are hinged relative to each other, the first part (4) being connected to the attachment portion (2), wherein the first part (4) carries, close to said attachment portion, a circular track segment (5) for bearing against a portion of a spring turn, provided along its inside edge with a rim (7) for retaining the turn, and wherein the second part is in the form of an arm (12) hinged to the attachment portion (2) or to the first part (4) in the vicinity of one end (5c) of the track segment (5) about an axis (11) that is substantially perpendicular to the surface of the track segment (5), and whose free end forms a zone for taking charge of a turn of the spring.

10. (previously presented) A spring compressor according to claim 9, wherein a plane (P1, P2) bisecting the portion of spring turn (8, 9) encompassed by the working portion (3) of the jaw is situated on the same side as the arm (12) relative to a plane (P3) containing the center of the spring and the center (X) of the attachment portion for attaching the jaw to the actuator.

11. (currently amended) A compressor according to claim 9, wherein the track segment (5) has a free end (5a) opposed to said one end (5c), a width of said is of width that increases from its free end (5a) increasing towards [[its]] said one end (5c) close to the hinge (11) of the arm (12).

12. (currently amended) A compressor according to claim [[9]] 11, wherein the part (4) carrying the track segment (5) includes a tab (6) overlying said free end its narrow portion (5a) from [[its]] an inside edge (5b) of said track segment.

13. (currently amended) A compressor according to claim 11, wherein the thickness of the wall of the part (4) defining the track segment (5) tapers progressively towards [[its]] said free end in the zone of its narrow portion (5a).

14. (previously presented) A compressor according to claim 9, wherein the connection between the working portion (3) and the attachment portion (2) includes a pivot (25, 26a) substantially parallel to the surface of the track (5) and passing substantially through the center of the attachment portion (2).

15. (previously presented) A compressor according to claim 9, wherein the attachment portion (2) of each jaw is in the form of a sleeve (20) connected sideways to the working portion (3), the central recess (21) being U-shaped and open sideways away from the working portion (3), and having at least one longitudinal end situated beside the rear face of the jaw that is provided with a countersunk area (22) of diameter greater than the width of the recess (21) in the U-shape.

16. (previously presented) A compressor according to claim 15, wherein the body (100) of the actuator includes two spaced-apart collars (101) for co-operating with the countersunk area (22) of the jaw, and a thread (103) at a distance from each collar (101) for a nut (104a, 104b) for clamping the jaw against the collar.

17. (new) A spring compressor, comprising:

an actuator with a body and a rod that are telescopically movable relative to each other;

two jaws that each comprises an attachment portion that is attached to said actuator and a working portion that is connected to said attachment portion for engaging a turn of a helical spring;

said working portion comprising a curved track segment for bearing against a portion of a spring turn, said curved track segment crossing a line from a center line of said actuator to a center line of a spring held in the compressor and having distal ends on opposite sides of said line, said curved track segment having a rim on an inside edge for retaining the spring turn; and

said working portion further comprising an arm hinged to one of said attachment portion and said curved track segment adjacent to one end of said track segment, said arm being hinged about an axis that is substantially perpendicular to a surface of said track segment and having a free end that engages a turn of the spring.

18. (new) The spring compressor of claim 17, wherein said rim crosses said line.

19. (new) The spring compressor of claim 17, wherein one of said distal ends of said curved track segment comprises a tab overlying a surface of said curved track segment.

20. (new) The spring compressor of claim 19, wherein a thickness of said curved track segment decreases toward said one distal end.

21. (new) The spring compressor of claim 17, wherein said curved track segment comprises a fitting for removably attaching said curved track segment to said attachment portion.

22. (new) The spring compressor of claim 9, wherein said circular track segment comprises a fitting for removably attaching said circular track segment to said attachment portion.

23. (new) The spring compressor of claim 9, wherein said circular track segment crosses a line from a center line of said actuator to a center line of a spring held in the compressor and has distal ends on opposite sides of said line.

24. (new) The spring compressor of claim 9, wherein one distal end of said circular track segment comprises a tab overlying a surface of said circular track segment.